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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from my letter yesterday, I can now inform you of the temporary measures we will be putting in place from Wednesday, 3rd November. These are in response to the letter issued by South Tyneside Public Health on Friday.

The recommendations are as follows:

- Staff, including visiting staff, to resume wearing face coverings in communal areas and school corridors.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting children.
- Visitors into school must be limited to those where it is necessary for children's education e.g. school nurse, speech therapist. This does mean that parents/carers must contact school via phone rather than coming to the school office.
- All whole school events, such as assemblies, will take place remotely.
- Open events, such as open mornings, will take place remotely where possible.

At the moment, we will not be reintroducing 'bubbles' for each year group, but we will try to ensure that the mixing of classes is minimised.

Hopefully, these measures will be temporary and necessary only for the short term. A lot of the events we have planned, such as Christmas Nativities, are still included in our calendar, and we will only cancel when it is clear we have no other alternative. I do hope that you understand that we are governed by advice from public health, alongside ensuring the safety of our pupils, staff and school community.

A new Risk Assessment will be uploaded onto our school website once we receive further advice from the local authority.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Craig
Headteacher